

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/633,064	STEINMETZ ET AL.
	Examiner Anh T.N. Vo	Art Unit 2861

-- *The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--*

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 3/29/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 26,28-33,44-51 and 53-80.
3. The drawings filed on 31 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/28/2005
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Claims 59- 64 are allowed because none of the prior art references of record teaches a printing fluid container comprising a reservoir body that includes a shoulder portion having a width that is approximately the same as a width of the lid and a rear portion having a width that is less than the width of the shoulder portion, wherein the rear portion and the shoulder portion are connected by a rim portion that is approximately parallel to the lid, and wherein the shoulder portion is sized to mate with an ink container bay of an ink container supply station, and the rear portion is selectively sized to cooperate with the shoulder portion to provide a desired amount of ink capacity in the combination as claimed.

Claim 65 are allowed because none of the prior art references of record teaches a printing fluid container comprising an interface package that is arranged on a planar outer-face of an lid of the container, wherein the interface package includes an electrical interface; and a reservoir body that includes a shoulder portion having a width that is approximately the same as a width of the lid, and a rear portion having a width that is less than the width of the shoulder portion, and wherein the rear portion and the shoulder portion are connected by a rim portion that is approximately parallel to the lid in the combination as claimed.

Claims 66-80 are allowed because none of the prior art references of record teaches an off-axis fluid container to hold a volume of printing fluid comprising a first recessed portion of a front face intermediate an air interface and a fluid interface; a second recessed portion of the front face intermediate the first recessed portion and a right edge; and an electrical interface on the font face intermediate the first recessed portion and the left edge in the combination as claimed.

CONCLUSION

Any comments considered necessarily by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Anh Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2262. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M..

The fax number of this Group 2800 is (703) 872-9306.



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